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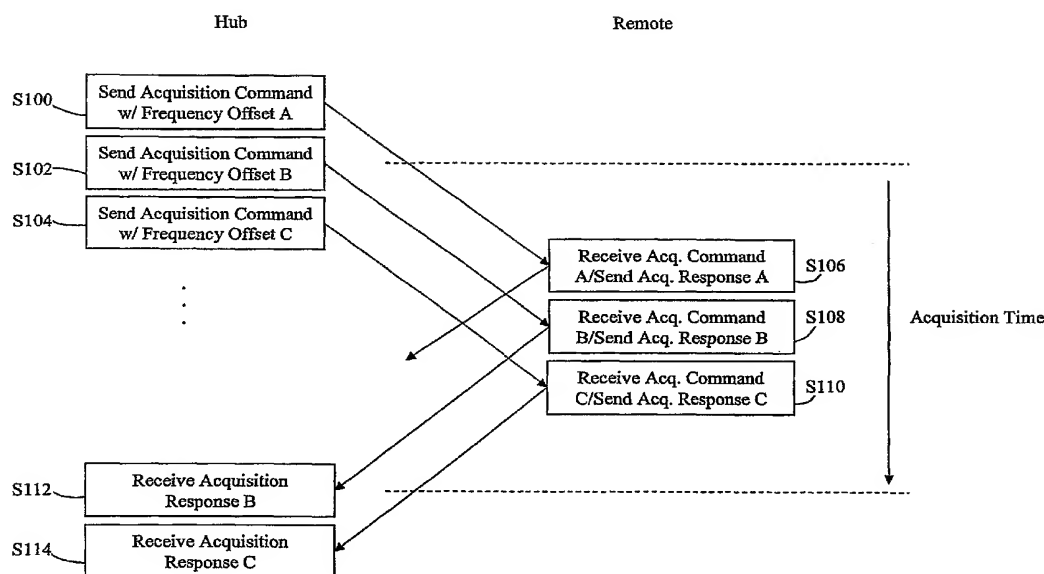
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(57) Abstract: A method of acquiring a remote node in a communication network includes sending a first acquisition command from a hub to the remote that instructs the remote to send an acquisition response and includes a first frequency. The method also includes sending a first acquisition response based on the first acquisition command from the remote to the hub using the first frequency and sending a second acquisition command from the hub before receiving the first acquisition response at the hub. A related method of acquiring a remote node in a synchronous communication network and a related hub apparatus, remote apparatus, computer program product and system each include similar features.

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